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RGGVY IN JHARKHAND AND ORISSA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of implementation of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana is very slow in Jharkhand and Orissa due to delay in getting no objection certificate from the Department of Environment and Forests;

(b) if so, the number of districts in Jharkhand and Orissa where the work under the said Yojana has got stalled and the action taken by the Government to expedite the said work so far;

(c) the details of funds allocated by the Government and the amount spent on the implementation of the RGGVY during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the names of the districts where the implementation of the said scheme is stalled due to non-issue of no objection certificate by the Department of Environment and Forests?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a), (b) & (d) : Jharkhand State Electricity Board had reported problems of forest clearance to the Ministry of Power in July, 2006. This Ministry had requested the Ministry of Environment & Forests for granting general approval under Section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for works taken under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), which is operating in 8 districts of Jharkhand has stated that progress of Rural Electrification works were affected due to delay in forest clearance in some villages of Dhanbad, Bokaro and Koderma. On follow up by DVC, Ministry of Environment & Forests has consented for submission of proposals for obtaining forest clearance under Section 2.4 of Hand Book of Forest Conservation Act 1980 i.e. `Simplified procedure for certain categories of proposal`. CCF (Central) Bhubaneswar alongwith PCCF cum Nodal Officer, Jharkhand and other Forest Officials inspected sites and finalized the procedure on 11.08.2007. The proposals are now submitted by DVC according to the simplified procedure. Jharkhand State Electricity Board has reported that in the absence of village maps (to be provided by State Government), some difficulties are being experienced to obtain forest clearance.

In Orissa, the implementing agencies, National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) have not faced any problem regarding forest clearance so far.

(c) : In Phase-I of RGGVY, 4 projects of Orissa have been sanctioned for implementation at the cost of Rs.234.60 crore and 13 projects of Jharkhand have been sanctioned for implementation at the cost of Rs.970.39 crore. Details of year-wise funds released to Orissa and Jharkhand are at Annex-I.